

AMENDMENT

CLAIMS

Please amend claims 22, 23, 29, 33, 38, 40, 42 and 44, as follows:

22. (Twice Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink composition comprising

a metal coated inorganic pigment,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent, and
water,

wherein said metal coated inorganic pigment is an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface.

23. (Twice amended.) An aqueous glittering ink composition comprising

a metal coated inorganic pigment,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent,
water, and
a colorant,

wherein said metal coated inorganic pigment is an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface.

29. (Twice Amended.) A writing tool having an ink container in which an aqueous glittering ink composition is packed, wherein said aqueous glittering ink composition comprises

an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which
provides a metal reflective surface and having a median diameter

of about 5 - 100 μm ,
a water-soluble resin,
a water soluble organic solvent, and
water.

33. (Twice Amended.) A writing tool having an ink container that is made of a hollow tube equipped with a ball-point pen tip at one end, wherein said ink container has an aqueous glittering ink composition packed therein, said aqueous glittering ink composition comprising

an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface and having a median diameter of about 5 - 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 - 40% by weight,
a water-soluble resin contained in about 0.01 - 40% by weight and
a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.00 - 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition, and
water.

38. (Twice Amended.) A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:

providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface and having a median diameter of about 5 - 100 μm ,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent, and
water.

40. (Twice Amended.) A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:
- providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises
 - an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface and has a median diameter of about 5 - 100 μm ,
 - a water-soluble resin,
 - a water-soluble organic solvent, and
 - water,
- packing said aqueous glittering ink composition into an ink container made of a hollow tube, and equipping a ball-point pen tip with said ink container.
42. (Twice Amended.) A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:
- providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises
 - an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface and having a median diameter of about 5 -100 μm and contained in about 1.0 - 40% by weight,
 - a water-soluble resin contained in about 0.01 - 40% by weight, and
 - a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.00 - 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.
44. (Twice Amended.) A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:
- providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises

an inorganic pigment which is coated with metal which provides a metal reflecting surface and having a median diameter of about 5 - 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 - 40% by weight,
a water-soluble resin contained in about 0.01 - 40% by weight, and
a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.0 - 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition;
packing said aqueous glittering ink composition into an ink container made of a hollow tube, and equipping a ball point pen tip with said ink container.

Please add new claims 45 through 56, as follows:

45. An aqueous glittering ink composition comprising

a metal coated inorganic pigment,
a colorant,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent, and
water,

wherein said metal coated inorganic pigment is an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal, and have a median diameter of about 5 – 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition, said colorant in 0.01 – 30% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition and said water-soluble resin is the water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD viscometer 3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C is 1000 to 10000 mPa•s.

46. An aqueous glittering ink composition as set forth in claim 45, wherein the water-soluble resin is contained in 0.01 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.
47. A composition as claimed in claim 45, further containing an opacifying pigment.
48. A writing tool having an ink container in which an aqueous glittering ink composition is packed, wherein said aqueous glittering ink composition comprises an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal, having a median diameter of about 5 – 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 – 40% by weight, a water-soluble resin is contained in 0.01 – 40% by weight, a colorant is contained in 0.01 – 30% by weight, relative to the total amount of the ink composition, and water, and said water-soluble resin is a water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of said aqueous glittering ink composition measured by an ELD viscometer 3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.
49. A writing tool as set forth in claim 48, wherein said water-soluble thickening resin is microbial polysaccharides and derivatives thereof, selected from the group consisting of pollulan, xanthan gum, welan gum, rhamsan gum, succinoglucan or dextran.
50. A writing tool as set forth in claim 48, wherein said inorganic pigment is coated with metal by means of metal deposition.
51. A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:

providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises a metal coated inorganic pigment,

a colorant,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent and
water,

wherein said metal coated inorganic pigment is an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal and have a median diameter of about 5 - 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition, said colorant in 0.01 – 30% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition and said water-soluble resin is a water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of said aqueous glittering ink composition measured by an ELD viscometer 3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C is 1000 to 10000 mPa•s.

52. A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool the method comprising:

providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 – 100 μm ,
a water-soluble resin,
a water-soluble organic solvent and
water,

packing said aqueous glittering ink composition into an ink container made of a hollow tube, and equipping a ball-point pen tip with said ink container.

53. A method of claim 52, wherein the viscosity of said aqueous glittering ink composition measured by an ELD viscometer 3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C is about 1000 to 10000 mPa•s.
54. A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:
- providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 – 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 – 40% by weight,
 - a water-soluble resin contained in 0.01 – 40% by weight and
 - a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.00 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition.
55. A method of claim 54, wherein the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD viscometer 3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C is about 1000 to 10000 mPa•s.
56. A method for using an aqueous glittering ink composition for a writing tool, the method comprising:
- providing an aqueous glittering ink composition which comprises an inorganic pigment coated not with a metal oxide but with a metal having a median diameter of about 5 – 100 μm and contained in about 1.0 – 40% by weight,
 - a water-soluble resin contained in 0.01 – 40% by weight and
 - a water-soluble organic solvent contained in about 1.00 – 40% by weight relative to the total amount of the ink composition;
- packing said aqueous glittering ink composition into an ink container made of a hollow tube, and equipping a ball-point pen tip with said ink container.